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March 26 Commissioner Meeting Rollup
Public Hearing Scheduled for Recommended County Budget

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) began their [business meeting](#) with an invocation and the pledge, followed by approval of the consent agenda. The CSMC then presented a proclamation celebrating [National Public Health Week](#).

For their main agenda items, **the Commissioners authorized Public Hearings on:**

- April 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. – The [Program Open Space Conversion](#) application for the Great Mills Pool/St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy properties for YMCA development.
- April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. – The [FY2025 Recommended Budget](#), including:
 - Proposed increase to local income tax percentage to 3.2%.
 - Proposed increases to St. Mary's County Government fees and charges.
 - Proposed increases to the Leonardtown, Mechanicsville, and Ridge Volunteer Fire Department tax rates to 0.056%.
 - Scheduling of nonrecurring costs to the Maryland State Department of Education.

Residents are encouraged to visit our **Budget Engage Page** at: <http://bit.ly/SMCGFY25Budget>. From here, you can watch videos of Budget Work Sessions, access budget documents, and even leave your feedback on local priorities – all in one place!

During County Administrator Time, the Commissioners took the following action:

- [Reviewed](#) future CSMC meeting agendas.
- [Approved](#) the resolution providing full faith and credit of the CSMC in authorizing the Metropolitan Commission to issue infrastructure bonds.
- [Approved](#) the resolution required for the FY2025 STS Grant Application.

The Commissioners then received a [legislative update](#) from the Office of the County Attorney.

The CSMC will not meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. On **April 9, 2024**, the CSMC will have a Joint Meeting with the Commanding Officer of NAS Patuxent River at **9 a.m. at the Frank Knox Center** in Lexington Park. The CSMC will adjourn and reconvene at **11 a.m. in the CSMC Meeting Room**, on April 9th, for the remainder of their business meeting (1st floor, Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown). CSMC decisions and related public documents are available on the county government website in BoardDocs. Meetings are open to the public and can be viewed live on St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) Channel 95 or on-demand via SMCG's [YouTube Channel](#). Visit stmaryscountymd.gov for more information.

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